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FOR THEODORE BERESOVSKI

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SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS AND INVENTORIES OF HIGHLY ENRICHED
URANIUM FOR FRENCH RESEARCH PROGRAM

REF: (A) PARIS 13619; (B) STATE 083705

1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR MUCH EARLIER REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM (HEU) IN VARIOUS FRENCH NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTORS AND INFORMATION ON FUEL REQUIREMENTS AND INVENTORIES PERTAINING TO EACH, YOUR MAY 9 TELEGRAM FROM PARIS, REF A, PARAGRAPH 4, STATED THAT "CEA IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO ANTICIPATED RATE OF HEU UTILIZATION AND EXISTING HEU INVENTORIES WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE".

2. IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS TO EFFECT THAT FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO ARRANGE FOR A SECOND MILITARY AIR CARGO FLIGHT TO THE U.S. TO PICK UP OUTSTANDING ORDERS

OF HEU. EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS NOT IN POSITION TO RECOMMEND PRESIDENTIAL AND NRC APPROVAL OF THESE APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENSES, HOWEVER, BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE REQUESTED INFORMATION. ALL OF THESE APPLICATIONS WOULD

NECESSITATE PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AS THEY ARE FOR QUANTITIES CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN 15 KG. U-235 PER FACILITY.

3. WE ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING A MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW CONCERNING THE EXPORT OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM TO A NUMBER OF REQUESTING NATIONS. HOWEVER, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO INCLUDE ANY PENDING FRENCH REQUESTS FOR HIS CONSIDERATION UNLESS WE PROMPTLY RECEIVE INFORMATION ON FUEL REQUIREMENTS AND INVENTORIES FOR EACH REACTOR SLATED TO RECEIVE HEU, OR CEA'S ANTICIPATED RATE OF HEU UTILIZATION AND EXISTING HEU INVENTORIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED ALERT CEA OFFICIALS TO URGENCY OF OUR RECEIVING THIS INFORMATION WITHOUT DELAY IN ORDER FOR THEM TO RECEIVE DESIRED EXPORT LICENSES AND SUPPLY OF HEU. VANCE

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